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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Heinz, et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/001,524

**Filed:** October 24, 2001

**For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AN  
ETHERNET OPTICAL AREA NETWORK**

Examiner: Wang, Quan Zhen

Art Unit: 2633

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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I hereby certify that this amendment is being sent via facsimile to 571-273-8300 on the date indicated below.

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**AMENDMENT**

**Sir:**

In response to the office action mailed September 9, 2005, please examine the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks. A petition for extension accompanies this amendment and is hereby requested.